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The Connecticut Campaign—The Position

of the President.

The present political campaign in the

state of Connecticut, which terminates

with the election on Monday next, is one

of the closest and most hotly-contested

ever fought in the limits of the Nutmeg

State. The state has always been a close

one, President Lincoln having carried it,

in 1864, by only 3,410 majority; and the

contest is rendered even more doubtful

and truly more exciting by the fact that

the Copperheads entered the field

with the name of John Van Buren, and

claim that the sympathies and

good words of the President were

in their struggle. On this point—the

position of the President—there have

been rumors and counter-rumors, state-

ments and contradictions, without number.

He has been visited by, has received, and

has sent away satisfied, delegations from

both parties; he has, with his customary

facility, allowed both Copperheads and

Unionists to state that he was with them.

As a consequence he has been claimed by

both sides with such persistence that one

would suppose that he would like to see

both Hawley and English elected. But

now, one being installed at Hartford and

the other at New Haven.

We have collected quite a batch of

these contradictory claims, but their inter-

est is destroyed by the fact that Mr. John-

son has at last been forced to declare him-

self. He was not able to stay on the fence

or to get off on both sides of it. A can-

didly-divided scheme was forced upon

him, and he was appointed as a Republi-

can, held the Republican nomination,

and came out for English, the Copperhead

candidate for Governor, on the ground

that the latter supported the President's

policy, while the Republicans did not. He

then informed the President of his action,

and placed his resignation in the hands of

the President. The President was forced to

accept it. If he accepted, Cleveland's

resignation of the act would be a dis-

approval of his course and an endorse-

ment of the Republicans; if he refused to

receive his resignation, if any of Mr.

Johnson's friends, or Senator Sherman's

strips, who endeavor to blind the eyes of

the people to a Presidential desertion

which is already an accomplished fact,

can explain away this definite commit-

ment of the President to the support of

the Connecticut Copperheads, we should like

to see them try.

We confess that we have now but little

hope of the success of General Hawley

and the Republican ticket in Connecticut.

The state has always been contemptibly

conservative. The Republican majority

has always been small, and many of the

Republicans have been timid and hunker-

ish. The fate of the equal suffrage

amendment in that state last fall, which

was defeated by 6,372 majority, shows

about the strength of the Radicals. We

have seen that the postmasters of New

Haven and Hartford, and half a dozen

other leading Johnson office-holders in

the State, opposing them, and the Presi-

dent supporting them, the Copperheads in

their desertion, the Republicans of Con-

necticut are foredoomed to failure. The

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Weather—Promenades—A White

Home Reception—The Soldiers' Home—

Home—Lunch Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, March 22.

The warm pleasant weather of the past

week has been as that of spring in reality

as here in Washington. While the den-

sities of the Forest City are probably still

springing over fire, chilled by the cold winds

from the Lake, we are sitting by open

windows enjoying days as bright and

sunny as any early summer could give.

We were on the avenue this morning

which was as crowded as the Mall, and

which was as gay, with their tempting

display of spring goods, the bright robes

and flowers, and most important of all,

the "bonnets" of every conceivable

style and trimming, though it is easy to

see that the coquette still "gypsy"

is to be the favorite all over town.

Washington is also a new place in

Washington, a great many fancy shops

generally, but the price demanded are

especially so exorbitant that one can only

look and long for the pretty things.

There are not many pleasant walks or

drives around the city. For promenades

the favorite resorts are the Capitol grounds

and Jackson's Square, and the White

House grounds. The Square is the

dwellings of several of the Cabinet Min-

isters, the French Minister, who occupies

what is known as the Corcoran House,

and several of the leading Senators. It is

the aristocratic "West End" of Wash-

ington. Farther up I and the streets

adjacent many of the members of

Congress. The last morning reception of

the ladies of the White House. They

received every alternate Friday from one

o'clock till three. It was a very quiet

affair, hardly more than twenty persons

present while we were there. Quite a

difference from Mrs. Lincoln's crowded

last winter, which was in the White House

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childs in America, and another, John

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Lincoln and Johnson. Another is John

T. Hoffman, Copperhead Mayor of New

York. Another is S. J. Tilden, who did

more than any other one man to procure

the nomination of George B. McClellan

for President in 1864. Another, Dr. John

W. Ward, who did more than any body else

to procure the election of that dandy

General. Still others are men like James

T. Brady, George Ticknor Curtis, Ed-

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Schell, and G. C. Verplanck—all peace

Democrats or Secessionists during the war.

It is with this class of men that Andrew

Johnson is dealing.

The Democracy profess to regard the

Civil Rights bill as a flagrant violation of

the Constitution. They seem to forget

that they have never discovered that the

Constitution is a dead letter. If that law

was constitutional it would be difficult

to show why the Civil Rights bill is

unconstitutional.

The first number of the *Detroit Daily*

Post, a new Republican journal in the

city of the Straits, will appear to-day. The

paper will be edited by Major General

Carl Schurz, and its principal stock-hold-

ers are men like Senator Chandler and

Captain E. B. Ward. It is needless to

say that it will be radical to the back-

bone.

The *New York Commercial Advertiser*

announces that the *Honorable G. B. Sen-*

ator is at the St. Nicholas Hotel in that city.

Verily a politician is not without honor

even in his own country, and among his

own people.

IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.

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has been elected to the position of

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